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PROF. Q. C. MIAL, *President*----------Clayton, N. C.
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ISAAC BYRD, *Auditor*----------Wilson's Mills, N. C.
HARDIE D. SANDERS, *Treasurer*--------Smithfield, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

August 26, 1893.

The Johnston District Baptist Sunday-school Convention met with the Oaky Grove Baptist Church on the above-named date in its fourth annual session, with its President, Q. C. Mial, presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. D. J. Judkin. The 98th selection in Gospel Hymns was sung, fifth Psalm read, and prayer by Bro. Judkin.

The welcome address was delivered by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Jones. The response was delivered by the President.

A motion that a Committee on Hours of Meeting be appointed prevailed. The following were appointed: Rev. A. A. Jones, R. Crockett and H. S. Sanders.

The Committee on Hours of Meeting and Adjourning reported as follows:

Meet at 9:30 A. M., adjourn at 12 M., meet at 1:30 P. M., adjourn at 5 P. M, meet 7:30 P. M. and adjourn at pleasure.

Rev. A. A. Jones,
H. S. Sanders,
R. Crockett,
Committee.

Afternoon Session.

The Convention reassembled at the proper time, the President in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. P. Sanders. A suitable selection was sung by the Convention; 3d chapter of John was read, and prayer by Bro. Sanders.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

The next in order was the enrollment of schools and delegates. They were enrolled as follows:

Clayton—T. T. Sanders and L. B. McCullers.

St. Mary's—Elizabeth Holt and Richard Yancy.

New Bethel—D. J. Judkins, A. Sanders and Miss E. E. Lassiter.

Oaky Grove—Mordecai Stevens, Rosa B. Sanders and R. Crockett.

Green Hill—Maria Hasting, D. W. Mitchener and Olive Smith.

Galilee—Cazie Avera, William Sanders and Mary Smith.

Lee's Cross Roads—S. G. Pair.

Piney Grove—William P. Sanders and Ella Sanders.

Mission School—M. H. Williams.

The Convention was, at this time, addressed by Revs. E. B. Blake and A. A. Jones.

Next in order was the appointment of committees. The following were appointed: On Education, Temperance, Sunday-school Literature, Place and Officers, Letters and Finance.

Committee on Education—John W. Byrd, W. H. McCullers and Miss E. E. Lassiter.

Temperance—Rev. E. B. Blake, S. G. Pair, A. L. Wall and Miss Olive Smith.

Finance—L. B. McCullers, D. W. Mitchener and Rev. A. A. Jones.

Resolutions—D. J. Judkins, R. Crockett, Rev. W. P. Sanders and Miss Rosa B. Sanders.

Place—Richard Yancy, A. Sanders, Mordecai Stevens, T. T. Sanders and Garland Hinton.

Officers—W. H. McCullers, R. Crockett, Rev. W. P. Sanders, Miss E. E. Lassiter, Miss Elizabeth Holt, Cazie Avera and Mrs. Harriet Hodge.

A motion that each minister and delegate pay the Convention ten cents was lost.

A motion was made by Elder Blake that each delegate bring to the next Convention ten cents, and each minister twenty-five cents, was, on motion of L. B. McCullers, tabled.

At this juncture the President delivered his annual address to the Convention. We will give the several headings of his address: 1. The needs of the Convention. 2. How to widen its influence. 3. The necessity of three or four agents. 4. Preachers, teachers and deacons must become interested in the work. 5. It must encourage education, and especially religious education. 6. It is a Baptist organization, and must inculcate Baptist principles. 7. Money is necessary to successfully carry this work on. The address was fine indeed, many practical thoughts were suggested. Time for adjournment having arrived a hymn was sung. Benediction was pronounced by Bro. H. D. Sanders.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Convention assembled as designated, President in the chair. After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Committee on Officers being ready reported. (See report in Appendix B.) The Convention was at this time addressed by Rev. A. A. Jones, C. Avera and others.

A resolution was read by Mr. T. T. Sanders, recommending agents for the Convention. Said resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

A resolution was read by Mr. Garland Hinton, instructing the Convention to appoint a working committee, whose business shall be to work among the schools of the county, and urge them to represent in this Convention.

A motion by H. D. Sanders, that 2:30 be set apart for the purpose of discussing the importance of representation in the State Sunday-school Convention prevailed.

Many enthusiastic speeches relative to the extension of the work were made, and much interest was manifested by those present in the work of the Convention. It was said that the ministers were to a very great degree responsible for the Sunday-schools in their Churches, because the Sunday-school is a child of the Church, and he is as much responsible for the proper managing and carrying forward the Sunday-school as he is the Church. And again, no true shepherd seeks to take care of the old sheep and shelter them and let the lambs go astray. If such is the case, it must be concluded that the shepherd is sorry.

Time to adjourn having arrived, the Convention adjourned with singing and benediction.

Afternoon Session.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, President presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. H. Holland. A select hymn was sung, after which the 4th chapter of John was read; prayer by Bro. Holland.

Essay, subject "How to interest children in Sunday-school work," was read by Miss Mattie Sanders. It was a very fine paper indeed, and elicited much applause. Quite an interesting discussion followed the reading of the paper. Discussed by Rev. A. A. Jones and others.

A fine essay was read by Miss Emah Lassiter. It was discussed by C. Avera, Lunceford, Rev. A. A. Jones, H. S. Sanders and A. Wall.

Time for special discussion having arrived, the Convention went into the discussion of the same. After thorough discussion *pro* and *con.* a motion prevailed that this Convention be represented, and that the President be the delegate.

A resolution by H. D. Sanders was read and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Education made their report, which was adopted. (See report in Appendix B.) Interesting speeches were made on the adoption of the report by the President, Rev. W. P. Sanders, G. Hinton, John W. Byrd and Rev. A. A. Jones.

Committee on Temperance reported; report adopted. (See report in Appendix B.) The subject of temperance produced quite a lengthy discussion, many strong speeches were made in defence of temperance, and our people were very forcibly urged to refrain from the use of intoxicants. It was said our people, being without homes, without education, without influence, rank or station, cannot afford to stop, tamper with, and throw away their hard earnings for a thing so useless as strong drink. It was said it robs a man of all judgment and reason that God gave him for the purpose of selecting and deciding for himself, and makes him no more than the brute.

Committee on Resolutions reported, which was adopted. (See report in Appendix B.)

A motion that the Convention appoint some one to deliver an address on education at its next annual meeting prevailed. John W. Byrd, of Smithfield, was selected by the Convention to deliver the address. Rev. W. P. Sanders was appointed to deliver an address on temperance. The pastor of the church with which the Convention meets was appointed to preach the annual sermon. The names of those appointed as agents in accordance with the resolution previously offered were as follows: Garland Hinton, Cazie Avera, James E. Hocutt, Allen Wall, Mordecai Stevens and Rev. W. P. Sanders.

Committee on Finance made report, which was adopted. (See report in Appendix B.)

The Committee on Sunday-school Literature reported. (See report in Appendix B.)

The Committee on Officers made report. (See report in Appendix B.)

The Committee on Place also reported. (See report in Appendix B.)

The Committee on Resolutions reported. Report adopted.

It was ordered that the Secretary be paid $2.00 for his services.

A motion prevailed that the Convention have printed 100 copies of the Minutes.

Time to adjourn having arrived, a hymn was sung, and benediction pronounced by Rev. A. A. Jones.

SUNDAY MORNING EXERCISES.

The people of the community turned out in full force to witness the Sunday-school exercises. The exercises were conducted by the President of the Convention. The lesson for the day was "Paul before Agrippa." The delegates were formed into a class, and were taught by the Secretary. The other classes were taught by the regular teachers of the school. The lesson was well taught, and each class expressed itself as well benefited. The review was given by the Secretary. An admirable address was delivered by the President. The exercises of the Sunday-school having been closed, a short intermission was had, after which the Convention reassembled to hear the reading of essays. The following ladies and gentlemen read: Messrs. T. T Sanders, Bythan Sanders, W. H. McCullers; Misses E. L. Holt, F. L. Bell, Eulah Lassiter, Martha Hill, Mary V. Sanders, Alice Sanders and M. A. Lunceford. The Sunday-school sermon was preached by Rev. A. A. Jones. Text, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," &c. The sermon was one of much force, and was noted for its soundness and important facts. It was also very plain and practical, much valued information was given to the congregation, and especially, the young people. A collection was taken from the Sunday-school exercises for the school with which the Convention assembled. Many good and lasting impressions were made upon the minds of the people in this community by the assembling of the Convention with them. The Convention after having spent a most successful session, and having closed its labors, adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church in Clayton on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in August, 1894.

Q. C. MIAL, *President.*

JOHN W. BYRD, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX B.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL LITERATURE.

The Committee on Sunday-school Literature reported as follows: In order to inculcate Baptist doctrine and Baptist principles it is fitting and indispensably necessary that we use that literature that is in keeping with our faith and practices, with that instruction given by Baptist parents to their children in the family circle, that they may become early doctrinated and know something of the Baptist Church and the principles set forth by it; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we as Baptists use only that literature and those periodicals published by the American Baptist Publication Society.

JOHN W. BYRD,
W. H. MCCULLERS,
MISS M. A. LUNCEFORD,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education reported as follows: Education, as a means of material and religious development, social refinement and civil culture, we find to be of paramount importance; and looking at the future of our people, and realizing that our success and superior development depend solely upon our mental and religious culture; and further, there cannot be any more success in any department of life than there is literal, moral, physical and religious culture; and further realizing that long enough have the wise and proud races of the world lived and flourished off the ignorance of the Negro race; hence we find it most essentially necessary that we educate honestly, and for high and noble ends, and that we view with great interest and pleasure the work of the Clayton Preparatory School, established and controlled by that energetic young man and eminent teacher, Prof. Q. C. Mial, and the Smithfield Preparatory School, established and manned by John W. Byrd; that these schools are the only educational enterprises of which the colored people of this county can boast; that these schools have already accomplished untold good for the people; that they are entitled to the confidence, good will and hearty co-operation of all persons; and further, we believe it the duty of this

Convention and the people of this county to rise up in their strength and might and help these schools, that they may grow strong and exert a strong educational influence, that a deep educational sentiment may spring up among our people.

W. H. McCullers,
John W. Byrd,
Miss Eulah Lassiter,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The use of intoxicating liquors is seriously detrimental to every individual. It robs him of his reason, of his earnings, of his social and religious standing in his community, makes a bad man worse, undermines and retards all religious progress, robs wives of food and raiment, children of school-books, and scatters death and destitution throughout the land; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we do all in our power to arrest the progress of this enemy, and at every opportunity that presents itself strike him as great a blow as possible until this hydra-headed monster is driven from our land.

A. L. Wall,
Rev. E. B. Blake,
S. G. Pair,
Miss Olive Smith,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS.

The Committee on Officers reported as follows: For President, Q. C. Mial, of Clayton, N. C.; Vice-President, L. B. McCullers, of Clayton, N. C.; Secretary, John W. Byrd, of Smithfield; Assistant Secretary, Miss E. E. Lassiter, of Clayton; Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. L. Holt, of Wilson's Mills, N. C.; Auditor, Isaac Byrd, of Wilson's Mills; and Treasurer, Hardie D. Sanders, of Smithfield.

W. H. McCullers,
R. Crockett,
Rev. Wm. P. Sanders,
Miss E. E. Lassiter,
Miss Elizabeth Holt,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

The Committee on Place made the following report: The next session of this Convention assemble with the First Baptist Church in Clayton, N. C., on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in August, 1894.

MORDECAI STEVENS,
RICHARD YANCY,
A. SANDERS,
T. T. SANDERS,
GARLAND HINTON,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Letters and Finance made the following report: We have received letters from ten Sunday-schools, and have received $13.30; amount due the Convention, $5.75; total amount, $19.05.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received during the session of this Convention, $13.30.

HARDIE D. SANDERS, *Treasurer.*

I certify the above statement to be correct.

ISAAC BYRD, *Auditor.*

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Colleges and business houses that have their agents at work are more prosperous than those that have not any; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Convention appoint four or five agents whose business it shall be to interest the people of the county in the Conventional work. T. T. SANDERS.

WHEREAS, The Convention has been so hospitably provided for and entertained by the good people of this community; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Convention tender them a vote of thanks for their hospitality. L. B. MCCULLERS.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Q. C. Mial,
Rev. E. B. Blake,
S. C. Dixon,
Miss Annie Lunceford,
Miss Adeline Turner.
John W. Byrd,
H. D. Sanders,
Cazie Avera,
Mrs. Harriet Hodge,

CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This Convention shall be known as the Johnston County District Baptist Sunday-school Convention.

SEC. 2. Its object is to awaken and establish a greater interest in Sabbath-school work, better unite its forces in order that religious principles may be incorporated in the moral improvement of the rising generation.

SEC. 3. This Convention shall have jurisdiction over all the Missionary Baptist Sunday-schools composing this Convention in regard to literature, to originate and regulate the means for the support of the Convention and destitute Sabbath-schools.

SEC. 4. The members of this Convention shall be composed of its officers and delegates, who, when assembled, shall be known as the Johnston County District Sunday-school Convention.

SEC. 5. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and an Executive Board of seven members, who shall be elected annually in any way that the Convention deems best, the election of officers to take place on the first day of meeting; term of office to commence at the beginning of the following Convention.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, enforce an observance of the Constitution, decide points of order, and, in case of a tie, give the casting vote; in the absence of the President the Vice-President shall preside.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to record the proceedings of each annual meeting, superintend the printing of Minutes, and see that they are properly distributed among the Sunday-schools.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to correspond with other Conventions upon matters pertaining to Sunday-school work.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all the finance sent up by the Sunday-schools or collected during the session of the Convention, and shall pay out none except by an order signed by the Secretary and President.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Auditor to audit the accounts of the Treasurer annually, and report the same to the Convention.

SEC. 11. The basis of representation shall be five cents per capita and fifty cents auxiliary, to be sent by the representative.

SEC. 12. Any Sunday-school wishing to become a member of this organization, may become such by presenting in writing at any annual meeting her petition and complying fully with the requirements of Section 11.

SEC. 13. The Convention may invite visiting brethren to seats in the Convention, and extend to them all the privileges and rights of the Convention save that of voting.

SEC. 14. The annual session of this Convention shall meet at such time and place as the members may designate.

SEC. 15. Ministers, teachers and any person or persons eminent in letters, who are in good standing in their own church or school, may become an honorary member of this Convention.

SEC. 16. Any person wishing to become a life member of this Convention may become such by the payment of $1.00.

SEC. 17. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the Convention to order.
2. Address of welcome.
3. Response by the President.
4. Enrollment of schools and delegates.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Introductory sermon.

The following committees:

1. Committee on Hours of Meeting.
2. Committee on Letters and Finance.
3. Committee on Sunday-school Literature.
4. Committee on Education.
5. Committee on Temperance.
6. Committee on Resolutions.
7. Report of Executive Board.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. New business.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Schools.	Delegates and Post-offices.	No. of Teachers.	No. Bible Readers.	No. of Scholars.	Am't. of money sent to Convention.
Clayton	L. B. McCullers, W. H. McCullers, T. T. Sanders, Clayton, N. C	6	40	60	$ 3 50
Green Hill	D. W. Mitchener, Olive Smith and Maria Hasting, Smithfield, N. C.	4	10	20	1 50
Selma	Allen Wall and D. M. Wall, Selma, N. C	4	33	50	3 00
Piney Grove	Rev. W. P. Sanders, Ella Sanders, Clayton, N. C	4	12	20	1 50
Galilee	Cazie Avera, Wm. Sanders, Mary Smith, Smithfield	4	15	26	1 80
New Bethel	A. Sanders, D. J. Judkins, E. E. Lassiter, Clayton, N. C	2	12	12	1 10
Oaky Grove	M. Stevens, R. Crockett, Arabella Sanders, Smithfield	4	23	42	2 60
Saint Mary's	E. Holt, Nancy Avera, Richard Yancy, Wilson's Mills, N. C	2	15	20	1 50
Lee's Cross Roads	S. G Pair, Garland Hinton, Archer Lodge	3	25	30	2 25
Mission School	Rev. E. B. Blake, Raleigh, N. C	1	1	1	55
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